### **CONCLUDING THE** G. O. P. REFORM

National Committee Trying to Re-unite Party by Eliminating Discordant Features.

RE-APPORTIONMENT

Recognition of State Primary Laws-Arbitrary Power to Seat Delegates Removed.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- The Republiin national committee met again today to conclude the reform measures it has undertaken to re-unite the party, to clear its convention machinery certain features and to reduce representations in national conven-tions from southern states and conconvengressional districts which are regarded as hopelessly Democratic.

Only two propositions remained to be acted on today and a report from a special sub-committee, headed by National Committeeman Warren of Michigan, offered a solution of each. Under the proposals of the sub-com-bittee the change in representation would give to each state four dele-gates at large, one from each conressional district and an additional delegate where the Republican vote bears a certain ratio to the total vote. The exact ratio which shall Cetermine when a district shall have an additional delegate had not been agreed on but no serious trouble was

expected over that feature.

Modify Party Rules.

The sub-committee presented a maximous report for a modification of the party's rules, providing for the recognition of state primary laws, the acceptance of the right of a state to choose all or part of its delegates at large to national conventions and ngreed that in future conventions delegates presenting certificates from proper state authorities should be pluced on the temporary convention The latter feature promises to away with troubles which have arisen at previous national conven-tions over contests and deprives the intional committee of arbitrary powto sent delegates

Committee Report. The sub-committee's report on primary and procedure, reads, in part, as follows:

"He it resolved, that this commitwhen it issues the call for the national convention to be held in the ear 1916 to nominate candidates for president and vice president, shall provide in such call (a) that in my state which shall have provided by law, prior to the election of deleates from that state, for the elec-on of such delegates to national onventions of political parties at diprimaries, such delegates from state shall be elected in conformity with such law. (b) That all delegates from any state may be thosen from the state at large, or part from the state at large and part fom congressional districts, in con-primity with the laws of the state in which the election occurs. (c) That decemates presenting certificates of lection from the canvassing board r officers created or designated by state law to canvass the returns and was certificates of election to delerates to national convention of political parties, in a primary election, shall be placed on the temporary roll

by the national committee." Re-Appointment Plan. The Warren committee finally agreed on a plan of re-appointment providing for four delegates at large from each state, one from each confreesional district and one additional from each district where the total Reblican vote was 35 per cent or ore of the total vote cast. No disrict, however, would have more than wo delegates, no matter how large Republican vote. States having essmen at large would be entled to one vote for each. The con ressional election of 1910 probably ili be used as the basis for deterining the exact representation in ich state. Territories and the Dis-

let of Columbia would have two egates each. The plan provides also that it shall me effective when it is ratified states representing a majority of electoral college. Under the Warplan, representation in national ventions would be reduced by 70 gates. The following named egates. tes would lose the following num-of delegates:

Alabama 6, Florida 2, Georgia 6, ouisiana 7, Mississippi 8, North Carnn 2, Oklahoma 1, South Carolina Tennessee 4, Texas 14, Virginia total loss for the south 62; Illis 2, Kentucky 1, New Jersey 1, w York 4, total loss for the north

plan of the sub-committee to rules governing conventions was ted by the national committee by

unanimous vote. on a point raised by Committeeman abb of Florida, it was announced that in states where it is optional other a party shall hold primaries the election of delegates they shall selected in the old manner and the mary plan shall be observed only states where the law provides spe

lly for such action. With the resolution for re-appoint nt of delegates, an amendment was selection of delegates from each gressional district, in addition to should be based "on the Republi vote for Republican presidential ors in 1908, or for the Republican didate for congress in 1914, which is the higher."

Howell Minority Report. B. Howell of Nebraska, submit a minority report. He concurred everything except the apportion at scheme and declared that he eved the proposal of the majority ld be subversive of the object of meeting and result in future em contended that the principal pur of the meeting was to reduce thern representation in Republican lonal conventions and that he did believe that the re-apportionment me as proposed would remedy the culty. The elimination of only delegates from all the southern es. Mr. Howell asserted, would in his opinion, be satisfactory to



Photograph of new apparatus for police signals, the installation of which is being considered by the authorities of a number of cities. Green flashes from the electric light at the top of the police telephone stations will signal to men on post to call their present station at once to call their precinct station at once. In most cities the station house is unable to communicate with the men on post until they call at their regu-

the Republicans of the country. Mr. Howell sugested as an alterna-tive a plan of the Republican congressolnal committee, providing four delegates at large for each state and one delegate in addition for each 10,000 votes or major fraction thereof cast for the Republican candidate in 1908. That plan would reduce the total number of delegates in the convention to 945. The south, which had 272 delegates in the convention of 1912, would have only 119 if that plan were adopted.

Barnes Proposes Bubstitute. William Barnes, Jr., of New York proposed as a substitute for the Howell amendment that the report of the special committee be adopted with a provision that no congression district should get the benefit of additional delegate unless that district had cast at least 7500 Re-publican votes for presidential electors, or in 1914 for candidates for congress. He said that it would be a fundamental mistake to adopt any scheme of re-apportionment which scheme of re-apportionment would eliminate the congressional district as a unit. The proposal of Mr. Howell, he said, would absolutely shut out twelve states from the con pressional district delegate plan. Mr Barnes' substitute proposal, he said would reduce the southern represent ation by 77 votes in the convention, and the northern states by 8, of which New York would lose four.

Stories of Maltreatment of Americans in Chihuahua Denied by Consul.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.-Con sul Letcher has advised the state de partment that many reports of mai treatment of Americans in Chibushu are without foundation. ment issued this statement:

"Consul Letcher reports that many the statements published in the El Paso press relative to conduct via ited on Americans since the entry of the Constitutionalist forces into Chi huahua are without foundation as also are reports of discourtesy to him on the part of the revolutionist leaders.' Rear Admiral Fletcher reported to day that normal conditions were be day that normal conditions were be duction of steel and cut in price ing restored in Tampico. His reports forded a pretext for snares of state that the weather has moderated steel companies, and that he has been able to trans fessed fears that fer all the refugees back to the

A later dispatch advises that the refugees have all been returned safe tal issues. ly to Tampico. Further advices say the Ward liner, Morro Custle, salled on Tuesday at 8 p. m., but eight Am-ericans desiring to leave on board her. Rebels to the number of about 4000 are reported to be camping eighteen miles northwest of Tampico. For the present the army transport Sumner will remain at Tampico.

NEW APPARATUS FOR POLICE SIGNALS INQUIRING INTO CROOKED DEALS

> Government Is Investigating Transactions Between Commissary Manager and Contractors at Canal.

Washington, Dec. 17 -- Charges of regular dealings between John Burke, commissary manager for the Panama canal work and contractors who have been furnishing supplies being investigated by the govern ment. So far as the investigation has gone, no loss to the government has been revealed and the amount of money involved has not been de-termined. Broadly the department is investigating to determine whether librace received commissions from

contractors.

Major F C. Boggs, the general contractors officer of the Panama canal commission, is conferring with legal officers of the war department and the canal commission regarding the next step to be taken.

it was admitted officially today that for the last six months the in-quiry has been in progress, based on charges preferred by Charles R. Walker, a former subordinate of Burke in the commissary department, alleging that his superior officer was demanding and receiving commis-sions from persons with whom he had placed contracts for food and other supplies for the canal workers. Also, it is alleged that Burke award-Also, it is alleged that Burke award-oil contracts to the Colon Import and Export company, in which he is a stockholder, and that he had profited at least \$50,000 from his operations. His salary was \$4500 a year, important contracts were placed

Hear of Burke Charges.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Officers the Punama Ratirond company said today that they knew only by hearsay of the charges against John Burke. of the charges against John Barke.
"Mr. Burke's accounts were approv ed by Colonel Eugene L. Wilson, head of the subsistence department of the Isthmian canal commission," said Sylvester Deming, treasurer of the road In due course of routine we received hese accounts here for auditing, but ad no other relations with Mr. Burke. don't think, however, that his penditures have been as much as \$6.

"Some time ago we heard round-about way that charges been made against Mr. Burke. heard nothing further of them." Burke is about 45 years old and was formerly a resident of Indianapolis

Co-operation With Clubs to Help Solve Woman Undergraduate Problem.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Constituted government of women undergraduates has been in existence longer, is more organized, and is more successful than men organizations, according to statements read at the sixth bien of State Universities in session here today. Dean Mathews of Wiscors n and Dean Jordon of Michigan were the principal speakers. Co-operation with women's clubs wil, be sought, it is said, as a means

of meeting the problems of the deans in dealing with the thousands

women undergraduates.
(Imperonage, regulation of dormitories, social life of students, sororities and educational problems are among topics to be discussed. Are men favored in the curriculum plans and do professors pass women on a lower standard than that required of men, are questions to be considered. The conference will close tomorrow

# WORLD'S

WALL STREET. New York, Dec. 17—The market made little progress in either direction during the morning. duction of steel and cut in prices af-Bears also professed fears that the congestion in the London investment market might react unfavorably here and interfere with attempts to bring out new capi Septiment was bearish but no heavy selling was attempted and after the market had fallen back

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day, when they were quoted at 71 1-8; and feeders, \$4.90@7.40; cows The decline in the premier security of London stock exchange is attribated to the ceaseless stream of new ssues with attractive yields to which holders of consols are transferring

The immediate cause of today's low record was the announcement of a Grand Trunk Pacific issue within a few days of \$10,000,000 of seven-year five per cent notes at 97. This brings the total of Canadian per and December to \$97,000,000.

Chicago Livestock

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Chicago, Ili., Dec. 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 48,000; market dull 5c under yesterday's average. Bulk, \$7.50@7.70; lights, \$7.20@7.60; mixed, \$7.25@7.70; heavy, \$7.40@7.75; rough, \$7.40@7.50; pigs, \$6.25@7.50.

Cattle—Receipts, 30,000; market

steady to a shade lower. Beeves, \$6.60 @ 9.70; Texas steers. \$6.60 @ 7.65; steady to a shade lower. Beeves, \$6.50 Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—Hogs— @9.70; Texas steers. \$6.50@7.65; Recelpts, 14,000; market 5c lower. western steers, \$5.80@7.65; stockers Bulk, \$7.25@7.60; heavy, \$7.50@7.70;

and feeders, \$4.90@7.40; cows and packers and butchers, \$7.40@7.65; heifers, \$3.30@8.40; caives, \$7.50@11.; lights, \$7.25@7.55; pigs, \$6.50@7.25. Cattle—Receipts, 6000; market stea Sheep—Receipts, 30,000; market dy Prime fed steers, \$8.40@10.00; Sheep—Receipts, 30,000; market steady to a shade lower. Native \$4.40@5.70; western, \$4.40@5.70; year-lings, \$5.50@6.80; lambs, native, \$6.40@7.85; western, \$6.40@7.85.

South Omaha Livestock

South Omaha, Dec. 17.—Hogs—Re-celpts, 11,500; market lower. Heavy, \$7.45@7.60; lights, \$7.10@7.50; pigs, \$6.25@7.00; bulk of sales, \$7.20@7.55 \$6.25@7.00; bulk of sales, \$1.20@7.55.
Cattle—Receipts, 2000; market steady. Native steers, \$6.00@9.50; cows and helfers, \$5.85@7.85; western steers, \$6.00@8.00; Texas steers, \$5.65@7.10; range cows and helfers, \$5.50@7.25; calves, \$6.25@10.00.
Sheep—Receipts, 7000; market steady. Yearlings, \$6.00@6.75; wethers, \$4.60@6.60; lambs, \$6.80@7.60.

Kansas City Livestock

dressed beef steers, \$6.90@8.25, west ern steers, \$6.00@7.75; southern steers, \$5.50@7.00; cows, \$4.40@7.00; heifers, \$6.00@9.50; stockers and feed ers, \$5.60@7.75; bulls, \$5.00@7.00; calves, \$6.50@11.00.

Sheep-Receipts, 9000; marke teady, Lambs, \$7.25@7.85; year steady. Lambs lings, \$5.50@6.75; tings, \$5.50@6.75; wethers, \$4.50@ 5.25; owes, \$4.00@4.75.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 17.-Sugar Raw, easy; muscovado, \$2.83; cen-trifugal, \$3.33; molasses, \$2.55; re fined, quiet,

Chicago Produce. Chicago, Dec. 17—Butter—Unchang

Eggs-Lower-Receipts, 3,162 ca colores; at mark, cases included, 26@31c, red. ordinary firsts, 28@29c; firsts 3014c Cheese—Higher; daisles, 15 34@

15 3-4@16c, long horns, 15 3-4@16c. Potatoe-Lower; receipts, 50 cars Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin red, 55@62c; ditto, white, 60@65c. Poultry-Unchanged.

## \$10 NOTE APPEARS

Washington, Dec. 17.—A new coun-terfeit \$10 United States treasury note has made its appearance, the secret service says in a circular of warning just issued. The note is of very crude workmanship and is print ed on ordinary bond paper. The silk fibres of the genuine note are imi-tated with pen and ink, while the color of the seal and counter is brick

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#### BIG BUGS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE



Left to right: Charles Ebbets, Governor Tener, Mrs. Helen Britton and Garry Herrmann.

Here are four persons of importance who attended the meeting of the national baseball commission in New York last week. Ebbets is owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers; Governor Tener is the new president of the National league; Mrs. Helen Britton is owner of th. St. Louis Car-dinals, and Garry Herrmann is owner of the Cincinnati Reds.